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SUBJECT: POPE TO SPEAK ON 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

THE POPE INTENDS TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS AT HIS WEEKLY GENERAL AUDIENCE NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH. VATICAN FM TAURAN TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THE POPE WILL OPEN THE AUDIENCE WITH REMARKS ABOUT THE ATTACKS AND CLOSE IT WITH A PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS. AMBASSADOR NICHOLSON WILL SPEAK AT A MEMORIAL MASS AT SANTA SUSANNA CHURCH, FREQUENTED BY THE LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY A SENIOR AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE CURIA. NICHOLSON

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